

# IN THE WORKS

Employee Newsletter -  
Public Works Department - Fairfield, CA

## Fleet Rolls Out F-150 Lighting Pick Ups

Fleet Management has been implementing cost-effective carbon and green house gas (GHG) reduction technology for years. One strategy has been using renewable diesel in diesel vehicles and equipment. This change in fuel type reduced our GHG emission by 80% while still maintaining performance in the field.

The California Air Resources Board (CARB), the State agency in charge of determining California's emissions standards, has set a goal of 100% zero-emission vehicles (ZEVs) for California non-safety and off road equipment fleets by 2035. Purchasing requirements start to kick in in 2024, but planning the specifications for replacement vehicles begins as early as 4 years before the replacement is needed! California's ZEV future is happening now at Fleet!

Electrification hardware (vehicles, chargers, and maintenance infrastructure) and software selection are major decisions that must be made even as technology is changing fast. EV technology for some of Public Works' specialized equipment hasn't even been invented yet!

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## NEWSLETTER COMMITTEE

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## NEW HIRES

July 2022

- KYLE DAVIS - Mechanical Electrical Tech. I
- OSCAR RAYA - Mechanical Electrical Tech. I



## PROMOTIONS

April 2022

- JOHNNY DINH- Equipment Mechanic II
- PAVAN PRASAD - Junior Engineer
- AARON KING - Utility Worker II

May 2022

- JONATHAN BEAVER - Water Distribution Op. II

June 2022

- KENNETH RADFORD - Landscape Maintenance Supervisor

July 2022

- TINA TRAN - Transportation Planner II

August 2022

- WILLIAM WONG - Water Plant Operator IV
- KYLE KILLION - Water Plant Operator IV
- CHRIS LEWIS - Senior Management Analyst



## RETIREMENTS

June 2022

- ROBERT COREY - 13+ years of service

July 2022

- PAUL SLONE - 22+ years of service

# Employee Spotlight

Meet Ken Radford



## **Q: What is your role with Public Works and how long have you been with the City?**

My current role is Public Works Supervisor. I was promoted on June 17th of this year and I am responsible to The Heart Team, Parks and Open Space Facilities Maintenance Team, and the Tree Crew. My previous role with the City was Landscape Inspector, overseeing contract administration since 2015.

## **Q: What part of your role here in Fairfield is most rewarding for you?**

I find working with my coworkers very rewarding. The City of Fairfield has a great group of men and women from very diverse backgrounds. I have a lot of fun interacting with my coworkers and learn a lot from them as well.

## **Q: What is your favorite local activity?**

Some of my favorite local activities have been attending the 4th of July parade and the Tomato and Vine Festival. However, my favorite local activity when my boys were younger was coaching and attending Fairfield Pacific Little League baseball games, eating hotdogs, and cheering for my boys and the local youth of Fairfield.

## **Q: What is one thing most people don't know about you?**

One thing not even my wife does not know about me is that I like to cook because my wife, Kim, believes in portion control and I don't. Therefore, I cook to make sure I always have more than enough to eat.

## **Q: What is one thing left on your bucket list?**

Well, if it's real (for the record, I don't believe it is) but if so, I want to tackle and wrestle Bigfoot.



## **Q: Where do you see yourself in 5 years?**

I see myself still living in Fairfield, maybe a grandfather (fingers crossed) and still serving this community I call home.

## **Q: What are you most proud of?**

I am most proud of my family. I have a beautiful wife of 24 years and two grown sons, 19 & 22. I am proud of my wife, a local insurance broker for 8 years, and our two kind, thoughtful, and independent young men we have raised together. When I was a boy scout troop leader, I led my eldest son on a 53 mile hike in Yosemite National Park and later my younger son, on a 68 mile hike in Lassen National Park, both trips spanning 5 days.

I am also very proud to tell people I'm from Fairfield. I moved to Fairfield 17 years ago and started working for the City almost 8 years ago. Working in Fairfield and living here really opened my eyes to what our community has to offer: open space for hiking and biking, neighborhood parks, great local restaurants, and many local events as well as its central location to camping, hunting, fishing and the beautiful outdoors. I am also proud of my fellow community members who truly care about this city.

## **Fun "Bigfoot" Facts**

- The majority of claimed Bigfoot sightings come from the Pacific Northwest region of North America
- Bluff Creek, CA is considered Bigfoot's home turf
- Bigfoot reports describe a creature as being almost 8 feet tall
- Bigfoot is believed to be omnivorous and has been known to climb trees and pick fruit from the branches
- The Abominable Snowman is Bigfoot's counterpart with white fur that lives in the Himalayas
- Ken could totally take Bigfoot down!

# Fleet Manager of the Year!

David Renschler, CFP, fleet division manager was named the 2022 Public Sector Fleet Manager of the Year during the Honors Celebration at the 2022 Government Fleet Expo & Conference in Detroit.

"It's a long road to get here. We have a thankless job...If I could leave something for everyone here: make sure that you always have data to back up the decisions you make and you can never go wrong because you can always defend those to anyone who tries to tear them down," Renschler advised GFX attendees during his acceptance speech.

David was selected by a panel of judges consisting of fleet managers from around the country. The award was presented by Bill Collins of Element Fleet Management, the award sponsor.

Congratulations David!



David accepting the award.  
Photo courtesy of Government Fleet

## F-150 Lightning Cont...

To address these important questions, the City implemented a pilot program using ZEV vehicles, including three Ford F-150 Lightnings, an e-transit van, and two battery-powered forklifts.

Three light-duty chargers were installed at the Corpyard and three more are being installed at the Waterman WTP. This gives Public Works staff the ability to offer feedback regarding performance and usability in real-world testing.



Sean O' Gara charges the new trucks!

## Fleet Leads The Way

One of the first ever week-long Ford EV Fleet on-site tech training events in the state was hosted by the City of Fairfield's very own Union Avenue Shop (at Station 38) in August. This training was attended by Fleet technicians from across the state. City of Fairfield Fleet staff continue to lead the way in implementing EV technology!





## Organics Recycling at City Facilities

Last year, the Fairfield Goes Green campaign was launched in response to Senate Bill 1383 (SB 1383) to help educate residents about new sustainability laws that went into effect on January 1, 2022. SB 1383 requires all residential and commercial businesses, including City facilities, to participate in organic waste recycling. Organic recycling is the process of separating organic waste from being thrown away in the garbage cart/landfilled, and instead having this waste be disposed of inside the organics cart/composted. Organic waste includes yard waste, food waste, and food-soiled paper like napkins and greasy pizza boxes.

### ONLY place these items in the organics cart

*COLOQUE solo estos artículos en el contenedor de residuos orgánicos*



To help staff comply with these new organic waste requirements and to increase the City's overall recycling efforts, new 3-waste stream containers known as "Slim Jims" were recently installed at a few City facilities including City Hall, the Fairfield Transit Center, and both water treatment plants. These containers were installed in breakrooms and are color coordinated to help staff place waste in the correct compartment. The blue compartment is for mixed recycling such as bottles, cans, paper, and cardboard. The green compartment is for organic waste like food waste and food-soiled paper, and the black compartment is for garbage and other non-recyclable material likes face masks, plastic film, and tissues.

Staff anticipates rolling out "Slim Jims" to all City facilities later this year. Please contact Corey Beavers regarding questions about these containers or other questions about solid waste and recycling.

## Battery Recycling Program

Did you know that batteries are considered hazardous waste in California when they are discarded? This includes AAA, AA, C, D, button cell, 9-volt, and all other batteries, both rechargeable and single-use. Luckily, batteries can be recycled and the City is doing its part to help both staff and residents safely dispose of used batteries by implementing battery boxes at the following locations:

Adult Recreation Center | Civic Center Library | Cordelia Library |  
Community Center | Fairfield City Hall | Fairfield Farmers Market



# Fairfield Goes Green!



## Fairfield Residents: Your Food Waste Pail is Coming Soon!

Fairfield residents will get a 1.9-gallon food waste pail to collect food waste scraps and food-soiled paper at home. This pail will make it easy to transfer organics materials into your organics cart (gray cart with a green lid).



Please scan this QR code for a complete list of organics materials than can be placed in your organics cart. Please contact Republic Services at **707.437.8900** with further questions.




## Using Your Food Waste Pail is as Easy as 1, 2, 3!

**STEP 1**



Place your kitchen food waste pail in a convenient area where food waste is generated.

**STEP 2**



Place your food scraps and food-soiled paper directly into your kitchen pail.

**STEP 3**



Empty the contents of your food waste pail into your outdoor organics cart (gray cart with green lid).



## Farmers Market Outreach

Do you have questions about: the new organics program, how to recycle, new water conservation efforts, or how environment health impacts us all? Come to the Fairfield Farmers Market on Thursday afternoons from 3:00 - 7:00 pm and chat with Corey, Nigel, Pavan, Melvin, and staff from the Fairfield-Suisun Sewer District! The Fairfield Farmers Market runs from now until September 29th and has something for everyone!

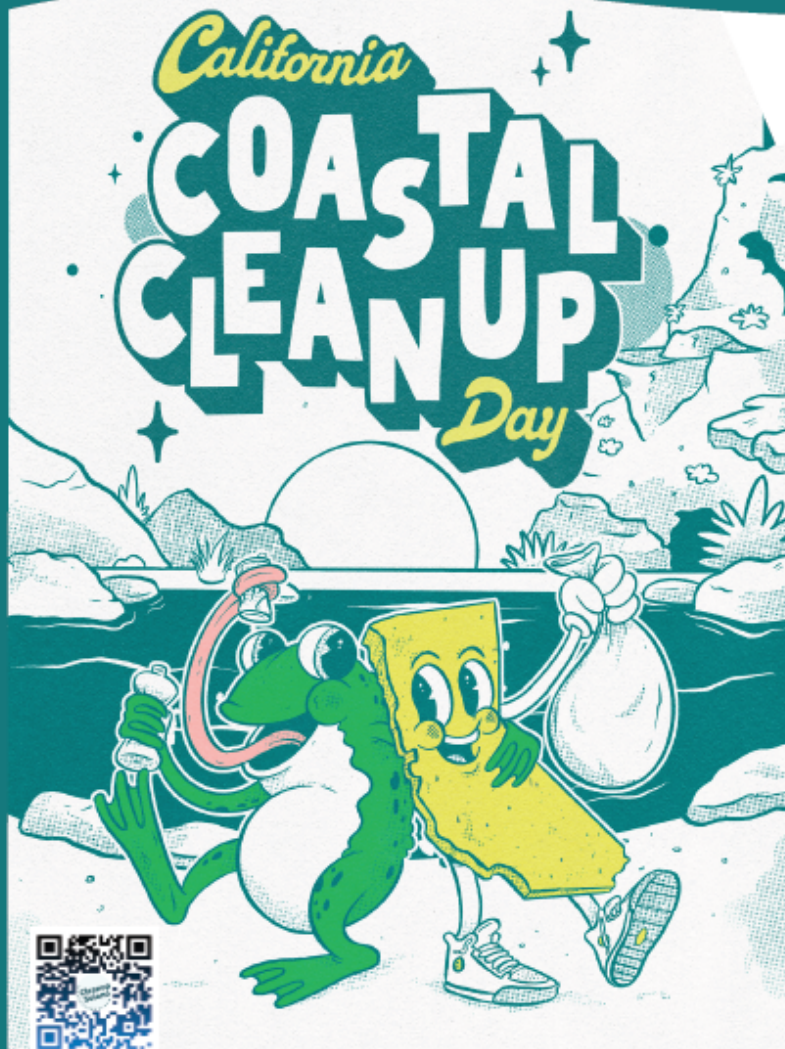
Downtown Fairfield  
Webster St. & Texas St.



Nigel, Pavan and Corey at the Farmer's Market

# Upcoming Green Volunteer Opportunity

## COASTAL CLEANUP DAY AT LAKE BERRYESSA



**SATURDAY  
SEPT. 17, 2022  
9AM TO 12PM**

Protect Solano County  
Drinking Water at  
3 Cleanup Locations:

- **Pope Creek Bridge**
- **Steele Canyon**
- **Markley Cove**

**VOLUNTEERS MUST  
PRE-REGISTER AT  
CLEANUPSOLANO.ORG**

**FREE LUNCH FOR ALL  
WHO REGISTER!**

*For more information, contact  
Marianne Butler at 567.674.5611 or  
[Marianne.Butler@solanorcd.org](mailto:Marianne.Butler@solanorcd.org)*

Help reduce the environmental footprint of Coastal Cleanup Day. Bring a bucket or reusable bag, a pair of gardening gloves and a reusable water bottle.

Cleanup supplies will be available for those who are unable to bring their own.

**Keep Solano Clean & Green**  
Save these Dates:

**EARTH DAY - April 15, 2023**  
**WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY**  
June 3, 2023



Putah Canyon  
Lake Berryessa



# In Other Great News....

## City Council Approves Electric Buses

City Council recently approved the purchase of three 35-foot all-electric local route buses which will be delivered in December 2023. Electric bus technology has been around for a while but is improving every day.



## City of Fairfield Awarded \$12M Grant for Transit Electrification

The Federal Transit Administration (FTA) recently announced their FY22 Bus and Low- and No-Emission Grant Awards and the City of Fairfield was awarded \$12,016,400 for transit electrification, the full amount that was requested! The City was one of 150 transit agencies across the United States (19 agencies in California) to be awarded this funding.

The grant award covers the purchase of five GILLIG battery electric buses, three ABB chargers, infrastructure upgrades, vehicle maintenance facility upgrades, and workforce development. Along with the other state and local funds, this award provides enough funding for the first phase of transit electrification.

The California Air Resources Board adopted an Innovative Clean Transit (ICT) regulation requiring all buses to be zero emission by 2040. Fairfield-Suisun Transit (FAST) has chosen to meet this mandate through electrification of its fleet. This competitive federal award is critical funding that will allow FAST to timely begin electrification infrastructure and maintenance upgrades at the Corp Yard. Congratulations to the dedicated staff that competed for the grant funding!



## Coast to Coast EV Road Trip

Staff recently celebrated Daphne Dixon's completion of her Coast to Coast Electric Vehicle (EV) Road Trip. Daphne drove more than 4,000 miles from Fairfield, Connecticut to Fairfield, California to demonstrate the effectiveness and range of EVs and help show the world that EVs can go anywhere, including across the entire country. Fairfield currently has EV stations at a few locations including City Hall and the Fairfield Transit Center. There is a pilot project underway which will expand EV charging station availability for public use, currently expected to be constructed in 2023.



Mayor Price congratulates Daphne!

# Public Works Week PWEM 5/18/22



Special thanks to our Operations staff for planning this event, 2022 Grill Masters: Daniel Camara, Ken Rish, & David Renschler, and all staff who assisted in making this event awesome!


Shout out to Doug Gilman for capturing our group photo!

A collection of bright orange pumpkins and autumn leaves in shades of red, orange, and yellow, arranged on a light-colored wooden surface. A portion of a pie is visible on the left side.

# THANKSGIVING POTLUCK LUNCH

**Wednesday, November 16th**

**Willow Hall:  
1000 Kentucky Street**

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**More details to come...**

# SAVE THE DATE



# TEAM HIGHLIGHTS



**Congratulations David & Cathie Vong! Welcome baby Taiga!**



**Owen Standfill recently turned 1!**



**Fairy princess Mabel, Mike Gray's 2 year old granddaughter!**



**Doug Gilman at the One Lake laser show (4th of July).**



**Nigel Browne and family at the Grand Canyon.**



**Gary Sponsler's daughter, Trinity, out on Lake Berryessa with Phoenix.**



**Women of Public Works and a Cal Cities webinar lunch.**



**Throwback photo of farewell dinner for Sam!**



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